

XI.II.—*Description of a new Cichlid Fish from Mashonaland.*
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Pelmatochromis darlingi.

Depth of body equal to length of head, $2\frac{1}{2}$ times in total length. Head $2\frac{1}{3}$ times as long as broad; snout as long as broad, with slightly convex upper profile, a little longer than eye, which is $3\frac{2}{3}$ times in length of head and slightly exceeds interorbital width or least depth of præorbital; jaws equal in front; mouth extending to below anterior border of eye; 3 series of teeth in each jaw, outer rather large; 4 series of scales on the cheek, the depth of the scaly part below the eye slightly less than diameter of eye. Gill-rakers very short, 9 on lower part of anterior arch. Dorsal XV 11; spines increasing in length to the last, which measures $\frac{1}{2}$ length of head; longest soft ray $\frac{2}{3}$ length of head. Anal III 8; third spine longest, stronger but a little shorter than last dorsal. Pectoral pointed, a little shorter than head, reaching vertical of origin of anal. Ventral extending a little beyond origin of anal. Caudal rounded. Caudal peduncle a little longer than deep. Scales very feebly denticulate, $32\frac{3\frac{1}{2}}{10}$; lateral lines $\frac{22}{10}$. Brownish above, whitish beneath, with seven very indistinct darker cross-bars; a dark bar below anterior third of eye; dorsal fin with round dark brown spots.

Total length 110 mm.

A single specimen from the Makabusi River (Zambesi System) near Salisbury, Mashonaland, presented to the British Museum by Mr. J. ff. Darling.

Allied to *P. welwitschii*, Blgr.

XLIII.—*Description of a new Fish of the Genus Polypterus from Liberia.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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Polypterus lowei.

Body subcylindrical. Head $1\frac{3}{8}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ times as long as broad, 6 times in total length, with lateral eyes and convex
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interorbital region; snout projecting beyond lower jaw; eye 7 to 9 times in length of head, 2 to $2\frac{1}{2}$ times in interorbital width; head-shields all paired; suboperculum a little smaller than eye. Dorsal with VII-VIII spines, anterior widely separated when folded. Anal 12-13. Pectoral widely separated from first dorsal spine. 56-59 scales in a longitudinal series, 30-33 between occiput and first dorsal spine, 36-38 round middle of body. Dark olive above, yellow beneath, back and sides spotted or marbled with blackish; no large black spot on the muscular part of the pectoral fin.

Four specimens, measuring from 137 to 223 mm., were obtained by Mr. Willoughby P. Lowe at Nanna Kru, Liberian coast, in January 1911.

P. lowei is intermediate between *P. palmas*, Ayres (*buettikoferi*, Stdr.), and *P. retropinnis*, Vaill. It is readily distinguished from the first by the smaller eye and the higher number of scales between occiput and dorsal fin (30-33 instead of 23-26), from the second by the lower number of these scales and by the absence of a large black spot on the muscular part of the pectoral fin. Besides, the snout of this fish is broader than in either of the two species with which it should be compared.

XLIV.—On new African Muridæ.

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Enomys ornatus, sp. n.

A small species, with a maximum development of the bright coloration typical of the genus.

Size only about two-thirds that of *Æ. hypoxanthus*. Fur of medium texture; hairs of back about 11 mm., the longer bristles attaining 16 mm. General style of coloration like that of *hypoxanthus*, but the yellowish and reddish markings especially bright. Upper surface of body "raw umber," paling on sides to near "tawny olive." Under surface white (to roots of hairs) on throat, chest, and inguinal region; belly washed with clear buff; a broad line of bright "buff" edging the body-colour on sides. Muzzle, including eye-rings, "tawny ochraceous." Ears deep tawny. Hands and feet tawny ochraceous; wrists, lower legs, and ankles rich buff or